



OLYMPIA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
October 17, 2021 • 21st Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Welcome, Check-in and Announcements

Prelude

Dr. Jonathan Spatola-Knoll

Responsive Call-to-Worship

Servant: Paul the Apostle commends to us whatever is true and honorable and just.

People: Let us hear these words that we may be challenged.

Servant: Paul also offers us whatever is pure and lovely and gracious.

People: Let us seek these ways that we may be blessed.

Servant: We are to set before ourselves whatever is excellent and worthy of praise.

People: Let us thing upon these deeds in our time of worship together.

Unison: And the peace of God which passes all understanding, will keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Hymn

Immortal, Invisible

#12

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might,
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Great God of all glory, great God of all light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see,
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

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Invocation

God of life and all living, we thank you for the warmth we find in family, friends, and church that sustains us now and in days to come. We thank you for the harvest of good words we find in the Good News. We thank you for Jesus Christ who is our model, strength, redeemer and friend, and in whose name we gather together to worship today. Amen.

Song

You Have Redeemed My Soul

David Nash

You have redeemed my soul, from the pit of emptiness, you have redeemed my soul from death
You have redeemed my soul, from the pit of emptiness, you have redeemed my soul from death.
I was a hungry child, a dried-up river; I was a burned out forest
And no one could do anything for me

But you put food in my body, Water in my dry bed
And to my blackened branches you brought the Springtime rain of new life
And nothing is impossible for you

You have redeemed my soul, from the pit of emptiness,
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The Written Word

Mark 10: 35-45

NRSV

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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Ministry Moment Thailand/Myanmar Kyle Williams

Tithes & Offerings Stewardship

Hymn *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* #524, v. 1 & 3

We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.
For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above
has sent us His Son to save us, and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love.
For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

The Written Word Psalm 104: 1–9, 24, 35 The Message

O my soul, bless God! God, my God, how great you are! beautifully, gloriously robed, Dressed up in
sunshine, and all heaven stretched out for your tent. You built your palace on the ocean deeps,
made a chariot out of clouds and took off on wind-wings. You commandeered winds as messengers,
appointed fire and flame as ambassadors. You set earth on a firm foundation so that nothing can
shake it, ever. You blanketed earth with ocean, covered the mountains with deep waters; Then you
roared and the water ran away—your thunder crash put it to flight. Mountains pushed up, valleys
spread out in the places you assigned them. You set boundaries between earth and sea; never again
will earth be flooded.

What a wildly wonderful world, God! You made it all, with Wisdom at your side, made earth overflow
with your wonderful creations. O my soul, bless God!

Video *The Earth as the Original Scripture* The Work of the People

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ENTERING GOD'S STORY

The Written Word

Job 38: 1–7 (34–41)

NRSV

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

“Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, ‘Here we are’? Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together? “Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?

The Spoken Word

Gird Up Your Loins!

Rev. Mark Rambo

RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

Song

All for Thee

Choir

Take my life and let it be, consecrated Lord, to thee; take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love, at the impulse of thy love.

Take my lips and let them be, filled with messages for thee; take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King, always, only, for my King.

Take my love, my God, I pour, at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be,
Ever, only, all for thee, ever only, all for thee;

All for thee.

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Prayers of the People

Rev. Mark Rambo

We give thanks, O God of sacred stories, for the witness of holy scripture. Through it, your story nurtures our imaginations, touch our feelings, increase our awareness, and challenge our assumptions about You and each other. Bless, we pray, our hearing of your word and more importantly, in the living out of your word, your story of redemption and grace. May we discover and embrace those places where your story intersects with our story, that we may be changed and transformed. Speak to each of us; speak to all of us; and grant to us, that by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may be hearers and doers of your story, the word.

Your story also reminds us that you are a relational God who emphasizes connection and community. We lift up those who need your healing; who need to be restored in their relationships with others; who need to be seen by you and by those around them. Instill in us the importance of being a relational people, grounded in your boundless love, grace and mercy. We love to tell your story, O God; now help us to live your story, humbly and completely! Amen.

Hymn

Christ for the World We Sing

#545

Christ for the world we sing; The world to Christ we bring. With loving zeal -
The poor and them that mourn, the faint and overborne
Sin sick and sorrow worn, for Christ to heal.

Christ for the world we sing; The world to Christ we bring. With fervent prayer -
The wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed,
Redeemed and countless cost, from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing; The world to Christ we bring. With one accord -
With us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,
With us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing; The world to Christ we bring. With joyful song -
The newborn souls whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,
Inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

Weekly Invitation and Challenge

Postlude

Dr. Jonathan Spatola-Knoll

Benediction

Walk Humbly • Love Completely • Live Differently